

Minutes of Greenway NAC Meeting - April 20, 2017

7:00 - Meeting called to order by Jim Persey, NAC Chr, at Conestoga Middle School, with 36 persons in attendance.

Welcome: Persons in attendance introduced themselves. Minutes were not read/approved as attendees had not enough time to peruse. Next meeting scheduled for 3rd week in September if school mtg. place available. Jim will send notice late summer.

7:05 Fire Dept. Report: Pulse Program (described in several earlier mtg. minutes) now has well over 200 AED's (defibrilators) available; firefighters carry them to their communities to be of constant availability. In 2016, there were 11,000 calls to 7 fire stations, 40% of them to main fire station on Farmington. SafetyTopics: a lot of construction projects going on, so be alert on roads; handle fuels safely when mowing; watch young children around house windows, which should be locked at open only 4" wide.

7:10 Community Policing Update: Car Seat Clinic May 6th BPD; Shredding event, June 10, Sunset Presbyterian Church parking lot 10-1 p.m. with canned food donation; Landlord Forum May 10, PCC Willow Creek Campus; Citizens Academy this summer again, meeting 2x a week for 12 weeks: get to know what happens in law enforcement. Body-worn camera discussion.

7:25 THPRD Update, Keith Watson.

-Meet and greet THPRD candidates April 29, candidate forum at Elsie Stuhr, 1-3 p.m.

-Summer Registration beginning of May, for summer classes/activities

-Conestoga Pool installing new cost-saving lighting; updated playground in Greenway Park will begin construction May 10, completed by early August.

7:35 Candidates introduced as running for Beaverton School Board (Sherri Wantland, Tom Collett); vote May 16

7:37: Rose Festival Half Marathon held now in Beaverton! Mr. Bledsoe, rep., presented information and answered questions. Event held Sunday, May 28, will begin and end at Southridge HS track, run partly through Greenway Park, on the Fanno Creek Trail. Race organizers, the mayor, and planners tried to pick a race site that will have as little traffic impact as possible, and each part of the course, on roads, will be reopened as soon as the last runner races through. They tried to route it around churches to help Sunday traffic, and there will be officials available to help citizens with special needs to get out of areas of traffic.

7:55 Greenway Park Concerns, THPRD Park Ranger Kyle Spinks. Kyle gave a detailed overview of the changes in Greenway Park over the last several years as beaver have started making dams on the creek in the park. It has flooded some areas, which has led to some closures of parts of the trails and changes to the vegetation. There was a very lengthy and animated.. discussion on the efficacy of having the beaver population in the park. People were of both minds on this issue, for and against.

- Some citizens came to the meeting to talk of the negative impacts: some of the comments were " loss of use of parts of trails that we all pay taxes for, the influx of not only beaver, but nutria and muskrats, which causes a messy and unsafe and unhealthy park (Kyle responded that studies of the area show no dangerous health risks there) , chewing down of saplings/trees; the park is for people, not beaver".

- Some citizens spoke in favor of the beaver in the park listing the positive aspects:" wonderful to view the beaver and other birds and wildlife attracted to the flooded areas, the area is returning to how it was before it was a park; able to walk around the flooded areas". Mr. Spinks said that in speaking with persons using the park, 4 of 5 persons said they liked the addition of the beaver.

Kyle and Roger Whittaker (in charge of maintenance of park) answered many questions and said there will be improvement of the trails to help with park use, and a continuing effort to solve yearly flooding of the culvert area (this, not a problem related to beaver). Kyle explained that trapping of the beaver and nutria is an impossible problem even if it were done continuously, as they just return; would cost around \$600,000 to do such a program, and by law must relocate beaver if they're trapped. They'd then have to get approval from areas where they'd have to relocate them (not likely to happen). Or, they could euthanize them, but many not in favor of that. Too many beaver and nutria to do either plan, but several agencies are studying managing for beaver.

8:45 Adopt-a-Road: sign-up sheet for members to take part in cleaning a section of Downing Drive, April 29th.

8:47 Land Use Issues. Self-storage area on 125th nearing completion; Asian-American grocery store opening in old Albertson's on Greenway/Hall; BedMart and other business being built where old Denney's was by WA Sq. mall; Far West Recycling on Denney closed.

8:52: BCCI Report, Ramona Crocker:

- Adopt-a-Road

- Community on fair housing, a community problem-solving workshop at Beaverton Activities Center (old library) on April 27, 6:30-8:30

- Persons needing to use public spaces for mtg. space need to schedule through the Bvrtn Neighborhood Office

-Marketing Mgr of the City wants to sponsor murals on private space; contact City if interested, Civic Art. -See City Website for City-sponsored Volunteer Fair on June 10

-At the NAC Leadership Meeting, the Mayor's "State of the City Address"

-Miles Glowacki, NAC Leadership, would like ideas for helping with the City Picnic on June 12th in Carolwood Park

- Washington County food rules will be enforced with handling food at all public events: must use pre-packaged/bottled foodstuffs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08.

- Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Kimble, Recorder